

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION**

GENE A. SHIRES and wife, HELEN)	
SHIRES; WILLIAM E. SMITH; and)	
ROGER FRANKLIN THOMAS and wife,)	
ELLA SHINN THOMAS,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
Vs.)	Civil No. 3:98cv394
)	
AC&S, Inc., <i>et al.</i>,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

THIS MATTER is before the Court on correspondence received from the Plaintiffs' counsel that these parties are ready for trial. No response has been received from Defendants' counsel.

The Court is of the opinion that a pretrial conference would be helpful in setting this case for trial. The parties are advised that the Court is considering a trial date in late October 2006.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that a pretrial conference will be held in this matter on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006, AT 2:00 PM**, in the chambers of the undersigned in Asheville, North Carolina.

Signed: May 3, 2006

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'L. H. Thornburg', is written over a horizontal line.

Lacy H. Thornburg
United States District Judge

